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Vote for the

PROGRESSIVES

as follows:

For National Committeeman.

Vote for one:

X JOHN T. G. CRAWFORD.

EUGENE S. MATTHEWS.

For Delegates, State at Large.

Vote for four:

X J. E. ALEXANDER.

X A. J. ANGLE.

X MONTGOMERY BROWARD.

X W. J. BRYAN.

DR. E. S. CRILL.

FRANK HARRIS.

EDWIN D. LAMBRIGHT.

B. S. WILLIAMS.

Conditions at the

Reform School.

In discussing a report on the Florida

state reform school by Mrs. Frank E.

Jennings, an active member of the

legislative committee of the Florida

Federation of Women's Clubs, the

Jacksonville Metropolis says:

Investigation at the school showed

that while the white children are being

neatly kept and properly cared for at

present, under the management of

Superintendent John Milton, his pre-

decessor, is alleged to have been in

the habit of brutally beating his

charges.

There is, however, no adequate place

to care for the sick, nor can the pre-

sents be arranged to care for

girl inmates, except it be to the detri-

ment of the entire school.

In the negro school conditions are

shown to be heartrending, the com-
mittee comparing it to a convict camp.

The school is crowded and contains

only two sleeping rooms. In one room

were found nineteen cots with upper

and lower berths, and in the other

thirteen.

Insufficient food and unsanitary

conditions make necessary many reforms.

The committee suggests that there

are enough able-bodied boys in the reform

school to cultivate all the land owned

by the school, if the state will furnish

means to purchase live stock and

farming implements sufficient to work

them, and the committee recommends

that this be done. Many other recom-

mendations made by the committee

deserve the consideration of all right-

thinking citizens of Florida, as the

present conditions are lamentable in

the extreme.

The Journal has no reason to doubt

the report, for Mrs. Jennings has in-

terested herself in doing something

for the betterment of conditions ever

since she came to Florida, and if con-

ditions are as she reports, then it is

time something is being done to re-

medy them. Of all the institutions in

the state the reform school should be

given first attention and the surround-

ings should be of a nature to give the

boys occasion to have uplifting

thoughts.

We would suggest that Brother Os-

car Moore, of the Marianna Times-

Courier, investigate the conditions of

the state reform school, and see that

the information is given into the right

hands that the school may be properly

equipped.

As much as we admire William

Jennings Bryan we must question his

recent judgment in buying property in

Miami when he could have acquired

Pensacola property and had a generous

supply of gopher gumbo at all times

to make him happy and contented

when he remembers the presidency is

just beyond his reach.

He Applies For

The Petition.

Permit us in the beginning to say

that our remarks are serious, even if

it is hard to become serious when

thinking of vice presidents. Colonel

Roosevelt has been the only serious

outcome of the vice presidency, but,

be that as it may, we are serious on

the subject just the same.

Why not select a good man for the

vice presidency and make the job one

which will not be a joke? If we re-

member correctly the lamented Car-

mack was the first one to give the

office such a shove into the deep wa-

ters of nowhere when he replied to a

request of some friends that his name

be submitted for the office by saying

that he would serve the people in any

capacity when called upon, that he

would gladly be justice of the peace

for his home precinct if his neighbors

wanted him, but he would not have his

name put before a convention for vice

president.

We must have a vice president,

though, and since there is but one ap-

plicant for the position, The Journal

moves to make it unanimous. The

paragraphers made fun of him at the

beginning, but it was uncalled for and

unfair. When a man is willing to

make a sacrifice for his country he

does not deserve to be laughed at.

Andrew Baker is the man. The

worst thing which has been brought

against him so far is that he resides

in Texas, but Texas is too big a lot

of land to go uninhabited and since

somebody must live there we take it

for granted that Andrew went there

just like he is willing to enter the

vice presidency—for duty alone.

Andrew Baker is far from being

small potatoes. He served the state

well in the senate and as commis-

sioner of the general land office he was

faithful to duty and demonstrated his

executive ability.

Andrew Baker is the man. Let us

make it unanimous. Come on Cone-

you and George—and let's get to-

gether to nominate this good man.

Eat the English sparrow and fight

the beef trust and rid the neighbor-

hood of the nuisance at the same time.

Titanic Investigation

By the British.

The British are going into the Ti-

tanic disaster as thoroughly as the

senate investigating committee did,

and the officers of the Californian are

being censured as well as the officers

of the Carpathia for not remaining in

the vicinity of the disaster for a

longer time to try to give aid to those

on rafts and pieces of wreckage.

Five men in one of the lifeboats

have been found, having met death by

starvation and thirst. Other bodies

have been found on life rafts and life-

preservers.

It appears that the vessels might

have remained longer near the scene

if their officers had not apparently

cared more for making fast records

than giving aid to helpless human

beings.

The terminal manager in Tampa is

named Love. The new station ought

to be an ideal place to spoon with

Love as the only chaparrone.

No Inspection

Of the Meats.

Human minds have reached a de-

praved state if the press reports of

the past week relative to the practice

of meat inspections are to be taken as

truth. One of the inspectors testified

that meats which were so "rotten" that

one's finger could be pushed through

them were passed with the approval

of a man employed by the government.

Other instances of unfit and probably

diseased meats were passed in a simi-

lar way.

If the evidence is borne out by facts

and it can be proven that the packers

paid the inspector to pass the un-

wholesome meat as good, we cannot

think of punishment severe enough for

them. When men are so depraved

that they will sell diseased food to

people it shows that the penitentiaries

are not getting what belongs to them.

If we had not thought the colonel

would have kept his word we'd have

taken up a collection last year and

presented him with an aeroplane.

Keep Cool

Brother Lambright.

Brother E. D. Lambright, candidate

for delegate at large to the national

convention and the man who does the

heavy work on the editorial page of

the Tampa Tribune, seems to be un-

derstandably alarmed over the possibility

of a Progressive delegation being elected

from Florida.

Mr. Lambright takes particular ex-

ception to The Journal's proposition

that the interests of Mr. Underwood

will be as safe, and possibly more safe,

in the hands of men who were origi-

nally for Wilson as they will in the

hands of men who were originally for

Harmon.

Mr. Lambright himself, having been

originally for Harmon, thinks this is a

reflection on him and his associates

on the ticket, and he proceeds to say

some very unkind things about the

editor of The Journal. Despite the

fact that there is not the remotest

foundation for any of the unkind

things that Brother Lambright says, we

are not going to fall out with him. He

may be elected and we may have to

share with him at Baltimore one of

those high-priced hotel rooms which

Brother T. A. Jennings has so kindly

reserved for us. We may also have

to borrow money from him. Under

those circumstances we desire above

all things to keep on good terms with

Brother Lambright. But let us look

at the situation.

The Journal's first proposition is that

all of the delegates from Florida—those

elected and those to be elected—are

committed to the support of Mr. Un-

derwood.

The Journal's second proposition is

that Mr. Underwood's interests are

just as safe in the hands of the origi-

nally Wilson men who will be delegates

as they are in the hands of the original

Harmon men who will be delegates.

The Journal's third proposition is

that, if there is any danger at all, Mr.

Underwood's chances will be safer with

the original Wilson delegates—who

wanted a southern man—than with

the original Harmon delegates—who

wanted a northern man.

Isn't that logical? And if it is not

logical, then why not? Let us look at

Mr. Lambright's own case. He origi-

nally announced for Harmon, a north-

ern man. He not only wanted Har-

mon, but he was opposed to Under-

wood. Here is what he wrote edi-

torially for the Tribune about the

southern candidate:

That he would not carry a state out-

side of the always Democratic south-

ern states and that the result of the

ill-advised selection would be a land-

slide for the Republican ticket, there

can be no question with any man who

knows anything at all about national

politics.

The nomination of Mr. Underwood

would mean for the Democratic party

a more crushing defeat than it has

ever received, even under the leader-

ship of Mr. Bryan. The Tribune hopes

that the party will not be led into such

stupendous folly. If the party desires

to absolutely throw away all its bright

prospects of victory, we cannot think

of a more certain method.

Has any former Wilson candidate or

delegate said anything like that about

Mr. Underwood? And is there any rea-

son for believing that Mr. Lambright,

who did say it, is because he said it,

any safer custodian of Mr. Underwood's

interests than are the other candidates,

who didn't say it?

After all is said and done, why

shouldn't the men who ran in the first

primary, and whose vote was well up,

be just as much entitled as Mr. Lam-

bright to run in the second primary

and to be elected?

The proposition that the original

Wilson men should come down and

let the original Harmon men go to

Baltimore without opposition is child-

ish. If you are elected, Brother Lam-

bright, you shall have our good right

hand, but whether you are elected or

not you will have to fight for what

you get. In the meantime, keep cool,

or at least keep your shirt on.

Some men paddle their own canoe